

Tips to Access High-Speed Internet to Support Interactive Learning

Home internet is now an essential tool for today's education, but not everyone has access to support interactive learning tools.



Ask your school or school district about public Wi-Fi access locations, free Wi-Fi hotspots, or discounts on home internet services.



Ask your cell phone provider about Wi-Fi hotspot service availability.



Ask your area's internet service providers (ISPs) about service availability. Locate your ISPs with the Colorado Broadband Map broadband.co.gov/map

Things to Consider When Choosing a Service



COST

Does your service provider have a discount program for students, teachers or income-qualifying households? What is the monthly cost for service? Is there a connection fee or device fee?



SPEED

What speeds can you expect?* Will the service support participation in two-way video calls (Zoom, Microsoft Teams) for interactive learning?



DATA USAGE

Does the service have a data cap (a limit on data usage per month)?*

*Connection Speeds and Data Usage

Interactive learning tools can require minimum connection speeds. Additional devices can increase this service requirement. Use the following as a guide to determine your needs.



WI-FI HOTSPOTS

3 Mbps download/3 Mbps upload speeds per person



HOME INTERNET

25 Mbps download/ 3 Mbps upload speeds per person



DATA USAGE

50-100 GB data usage per month

Learn more about download and upload speeds needed for interactive learning: https://broadband.co.gov/connecting-colorado-students/





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